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ELSA LANCHESTER in the 1935 classic "THE GROSS OF FRANKENSTEM"



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PRIZES this issue to MARK McGEE of Arcadia. Calif. (seen directly below): ERIC

HOFFMAN of Canoga Park, Calif.; and

GEORGE FOWARD FILIOTT (who sent a 20 page typewritten letter) of Boston, Mass.

HINIOR REPORTER Recently I was provileged to attend a preview

of what I feel will be a fine successor to films like 7TH VOYAGE OF SINBAO and GULLIVER'S TRAVELS The title_MCX THE CLANT KILLER_ may sound a little on the square side but the picture isn't, I am happy to report that it reunites Kerwin Motthews & Torin Thatchar as hern & village respectively. In this version of the famous legend there are witches, monsters and whatnots galore, such as a grant named Cormoran (who seems very reminiscent of the Cyclops of SINEAD), a warlock of the sea and his host of hideous demons and witches (and when I say hideous I'm not kidding), another giant with 2 heads, guards that appear from the teeth of a stone dragon, a giant sea serpent with octoous tentacles for legs, and its add a little culture to the whole proceedings) a rhyme-speaking imp in a bottle (a standout pertormance by Con Beddoe). Judi Meredith as the Princess Elleen is lovely but my old lycanthropic eyes yen to have her turn into a witch again as she does in the picture (with yellow eyes yet, not just the pupils but the whole ove itself3. I feel the late Bela Lugosi would have loved the role of Torin Thatcher as Pendragon,

ster bafore your eyes! Special effects are arrazing, utilizing a new propers called Fantascroe As one of your fans from the first issue on I have seen some good, some fair and one or two had issues come out but all in all I am happy that FM has beaten all competition and Is still tops. Perhaps one of the best additions to your magazine is the section feelda Barkast Aceta. This is probably the best review section I have seen in years, giving credit where du and raking the films that deserve it. ERIC HOFFMAN

the villain who turns people into witches, dors,

monkeys, shoots sparks out of his eyes, and

CANDGA PARK, CALIF. BIG CITY BAT MAN



. ROBERT IULD of New York City says, "As you can see, I am a vempire. I have a pet worawolf who kaens away the clake-drivers when I am slauping."

WAR WITH CANADA?

The following friends of FM wera fairly furious. about ready to DROP THE BOMB DN SASKAT CNEWAN when Sandra Y. panned our periodical as a "lausy, stinken, rotten" etc. moss writter by Idiots for morons: PETER BOGASLAWSKI CHARLENE SEEGERT. Cannor Terrance, Calif. Falls, Minn., JDEL ROSENBAUM, Dak Park, Mich. GLENN THERBUX, Weonsocket, Rhede Islani VERBNICA WEIR, Burlingama, Calif., PERBIDS, Colonia, N. J., JAY CALLAHAN, Fitts burgh, Fa., DAVE KBLIS, Betroit, Mich., JIA COLDRUP, Novato, Calif., RONNIE DIXDN, Hou sten, Missouri, JERRY ZMYSLOWSKI, Detroit Mich. DANIEL F. COLE, Calgary, Alberta, CANADA!

EARLEY BIRD GIVES PAL. WAHRMAN

ALLAND AND ACKERMAN THE RIRE In part 2 ot Rooket to the Rue Morgue Miss Wahrman speaks disparagingly of George Pal's "concession to supposed public tastes" in connection with WHEN WORLDS COLLIDE. I assure it is the "carefully selected group of futuristic Adams & Eves . . . rocketing in a . . . Nova's Ark to a new planet" that bugs her? Why That's the way Ralmer & Wylie wrote it-although they did have a greator number of people escane several market loads in fact Pall restricted by a budget and with better scientific knowledge than that available when the origina novel was written about 1932, revamped his story to be consistent with known technological advances. Wahrman's objections to WAR Of THE WORLOS are similarly vague, And she neglected the one Palpic that really deserves a critical pasting: CDNQUEST OF SPACE, Here was mixed juvenile dialog, characterization that verged on the imbecilic, scientific quackery and just plain dam foolishness. Red hot meteors that whistled in the vacuum of space, a flery glow ing asteroid; smoking, spark-spitting rockets the stowing away of the "old Irish topkick"hah, the addition of his 225 lbs., to say nothing of his consumption of food, water and day would have wrecked the expedition right there And the nillfood-even then it was well known that there is NO substitute for bulk carbohy drates. And the kookie crew, too dumb to know for a Moon flight! I could go on but I've another EARTH was "a fairly taithful adaptation" of the Ray Jones novel. Hab! The movie: 1) threw out the basic concept of the Peace Engineers; 21

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It had to happen: A Woman on FM's cover! THE BRIDE OF FRANKENSTEIN by artist BASIL GOGOS.



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had a war on "Metaluna" that never was in the book: 30 ignored the interociter as a mind Meapon, leaving only the electronic tinker-toy test set aspect: 4) dragged in a "brain-washing bit the book didn't have: 5) made a berserk "Mutant" the monstery heavy-all he was was a wounded slave-thing with a cracked cerebellum, originally on "our" side; and 61 so badly mishandled the relations between the earth kidnapees and the Metalunan leader that audience sympathy swunz pretty strongly to the attacking aliens! You'll recall that we never saw any aliens! Never, Oh sure, we saw their ships and the wreck of Metaluna, but we never saw any monster aliens. like the Guarra of the novel, to convince us we were on the "right" side. A badly mishandled film, redeemed only in part by its special effects. I'll go along with many of the nice things she said, particularly about THE DAY THE EARTH STOOD STILL, which was a really fire film. One thing she missed was that this film, as far as I know, was the first to show telepathy in action! Recall when the Spaceman "told" the robot what to dohe was a goodly distance away, the robot had its back turned and no sounds were audible. And they just slid the scene in and assumed the audience had enough brains to figure it out. A very mature attitude. This should happen more often! Having sharpened a fang, I hasten to bite with its brickbats to 4e (that's me-Forry) for including THE PIT & THE PENGULUM in No. 14. It had no place. Why not? Simple, no monster! Oh sure, Vincent Price is a crazed kook and Poe did write a pretfy fair horror story, but still and all-no manstar! For the beautit of those who really aren't too suro just what a monster is, let ma quota Webster: "MONSTERany plant or animal of abnormal shape or structure, as one greatly malformed or lacking some parts . . . any imaginary creature part human and part animal in form, as a centaur, or made up of the parts of two different animals, as a unicom." So you blew B pages that should have been spent on reat monstars? See that it doesn't happen again! (Sarry to disappoint yaz, George, but the majority of our readers are obviguely late flaidly about what they want to see is our magazina than the late Mr. Webster. We won't abridge his dictionary if he wan't dictate to as a limited policy on our cuttack on what constitutes monsterish material .- FIA) I do have boquets too. One of the things that encouraged me to subscribe (finally) and start acquiring back issues is the ever improving writing that goes into FM. Your readers are growing up and you are writing in a more nature manner to match them and this is very good. Your average teetager is a pretty hep good. Your average teetager is a pretty hep was a 3d grader. There is noon for improvement—those always will be—but the gratifying thing is that FM and Jim Warren recognise this and are willing to make improvements. Too few people are. I top my had—long may you prosper.

THE WALTER WINCHELL OF WEIRDOM REPORTS

News from Hammer Productions: Oliver (Were wolf) Reed will appear in PIRATES OF BLOOD RIVER concepts the greaterious Captain Doors. who is roally our old friend Chris Lee. Joseph Losey has finished directing an odd Hammer which the brothers want to give a rather land title but he is holding out for something more restrained. I setter it's some sort of obilosophical scientifiction, or something, and stars Alexander Knox. Opnian Gray has come to Italy -actually, that's the name of a starlet, italywise, Anta Ekberg, Initating King Kong, Will stalk thru a doll-sized village like Queen Quong in a dream sequence of BOCCACCIO, 70 . Walter Chiari has completed MY PAL OR JEKYLL . . . And we'll undoubtedly learn more of OEATH COMES FROM OUTER SPACE in SPACE-MEN? Phantasy Films from Ear-Away Places with Strange-Sounding Names: Paland-MOTHER JEANNE OF THE ANGELS, in which a priast attempts to expresse the Devil from a monastery.

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TELEPHONE CALL TO THE HAUNTED CASTLE

HAUNTED CASTLE

My name is Berny Vick. I am 15 years old.

From my home in Bonton, Ark., I recently phosed

MR. WILLIAM CASTLE



the famed horner movie director and producer in Hollywood, Callft, at Columbia Studies, Our conversation went like this: "Hello—Mr. Castle?"

"This is Benny Vick, one of your biggest fans. I want to congratulate you on your latest movie, HONICIOAL."
"Thank you, Benny."
"It was a real thriller."

"Thank you again-mere thore many there?"
"Yes, the theater was packed. Mr. Castle, I've seen all your movies-which do you consider heat?"

best?"
"House on Haunted Hill."
"Yes, I liked that too. What's your next

"ZOTZ!"
"Oldn't I road somewhere about one of your movies called MR. & MRS, MONSTER?"
"Yes, do you like that title?"

"Well, It's catchy."
"Or do you like TURN LEFT ON SCARE STREET better or WITCH ON A BROOMSTICK?"
"I still like MR. & MRS. MONSTER."
We talked about his Fain Club and then I

talked to his secretary for awhite. It was truly an unforgettable oxperience. • Thank yas for sharing it with as, Betray.

PAN MAIL FROM O. HENRY You seed for this! I don't see what's so great

about your mag. Oh. I have to give you stedit for a few good articles. I've read weste reviews that yours in the paper but I hewaff read beter! And what was so special on your story about the "Iffnight" hust because me and a half a million other fars got scared out of their with you thank you're great. Well, you are. This lottler is form a compotely satisfied fain.

PERRY ABERLIX

SON OF A MONSTER MAKER

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EDWARD MASSOUR LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

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Modern Block of which is great but as a critic he is the worst.

STEVE M. FULLER SPRINGFIELD. MO.



BROTHER AND THE BEAST

ENGLISH FAN'S CLUTCHING HAMD



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DANIEL O'BANNON ST. LOUIS, MO.

Having read the complete story already et first I wasn't going to read your version of "Who Goes There?" but I decided to start it and find out if you shillfully condensed it. Superb. In both issues it was e fresh and vivid account of the overpowering feer that eccompaned it.

DAK PARK, ILL.

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AUTHOR ROBERT BLOCH
(The Smiler with a Knife)
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His "PSYCHO" shook strong hearts, broke long-standing box-office records. His COUCH will soon have you flat on your back with fright and his MER-

RY-GO-ROUND (cinemadapted from Ray Bradbury's "Black Ferris") promises dizzy thrills & duck-humps.

You've chilled to his hour-long fright fare — "Waxworks", "Yours Truly, Jack the Ripper, "The Cheaters" — on Thriller and laffed nervously at his humorous humor as half hours ticked by on the Hitch Clock.

You've applauded his "Menace, Anyone?" in our 10th issue and repeatedly begged for more so here's the explosive concluding instalment of Atom Swift and His Robot Bloch Buster.

IF CINSORS HAYE A DISTORTED INEA of what constitutes real horror, audiences seem to retain more than their share of misconceptions. In film after film the great Lon Change played a succession of cripples and deformed men; he carned a deserved reputation as "The Man of a Thousand Faces". But saids from his role as the Phantom in

PHANTOM OF THE OPERA, Chaney seldom played outright "monster" roles. Usually he sacrificed his life for the heroine. Yet to the public Chaney was a maker of "herror movies".

The same is true of Karloff, After his FRANKENSTEIN series and THE MUM.



The Clown Himself one Midday in 1924 in his role as HE WHO GETS SLAPPED. LON CHANEY SHALL 9 NOT DIE:



A Block Lagoonish Creature strikes South of the Border in EL CASTILLO DE LOS MONSTRUOS (THE CASTLE OF THE MONSTERS), recent Mexicon horror movie.

J. Corrol Noish os the Apemon in DR. RENAULT'S SE-CRET (1942) with the lote Geo, Zucco.



MY, he appeared in dozens of films and a great many of them featured him for what he is-a mild-mannered man with a lisp. The theme song for these allegedly bloodcurdling shockers might well have been "That Silver-Haired Daddy of Mine". Time after time Karloff was a kindly, elderly physician or scientist with the inevitable beautiful daughter, Upon completing a discovery or invention which he idealistically hopes will aid humanity, he inadvertently causes the death of some innocent bystander or bit-player, whereupon he is persecuted by the police or by the real villain who wants to misuse the apparatus. Karloff thereupon goes off his rocker faster than Whistler's Mother if she'd landed on a pincushion and tries to get rid of his tormentors. In the end, to save his daughter, he sacrifices his own life. Despite the laboratory scenes and the inevitable threats and grimaces of the "mad scientist" role, these films will hardly horrify anyone except lovers of good drama.

the shock of things too calm

Karloff played the Monster in two sequels to his PRANKENSTEIN but each subsequent version managed to dilute the blood-letting (thow edo have fond memories of the Monster shrieking in agony sate of the Monster shrieking in agony sate of the Monster shrieking in agony sat of bubbling outmeal). At times Karloff has appeared as a Joutish criminal or the imocent victim of some other "mad scientist" and his experiencis. Quitu understandably, he seeks revenge until Agent, the dock of these sequences is purely electrical.

Lon Chaniey Jr., has consistently been cast, or rather miscast—for his considerad, with some cause, an excellent actor—in creating with the continue villain roles. He has moved in and rections of various monsters, murmines, wampires and victims of Fve O'Clock Shadow. Most conspicuous among the latter is THE WOLF MAN. Chaney, an innocent young man brought up in the U.S., and falls pray to a werevoil. He is quite unhappy in his role as a hairy heir but this doesn't save him. In the end his father



The Human Manster is Ady Berber in the new W. German thriller DEAD EYES OF LONDON, based an a stary by the late Edgar Wallace.

beats him to death with a silver-headed

the many sides of iekvll's hydes

The censors have not read the true massing into the various versions of DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE. Dr. JekylL AND MR. JEKYLL AND MR.

girl friend—in Tracy's case a truly beautiful Ingrid Bergman—but never bothered to eliminate his other bestial activities.

True horror was also lacking, oddly enough, in the antics of such esteemed "monsters" as Bela Lugosi & Peter Lorre DRACIII.A ostensibly portrayed a vampire in full denture but actually celebrated the career of the nocturnal prowler. Lugosi symbolized the Continental Seducer sleekhaired and irresistible; he was merely another version of the Filthy Foreigner originally portraved by Erich von Stroheim. Von Stroheim kissed hands and Lugosi bit. necks but both were primarily menaces not true monsters. Lugosi, like other specialists in the genre, later drifted into routine villain roles, along with Claude Rains, Lionel Atwill & John Carradine.

One of the mighty underground mochines servicing the 20 million citizens of the super city of the 21st Century, METROPOLIS!





Jean-Lauis Barrault as the latest Jekyll-Hyde in the French production of THE TESTAMENT OF DR. CORDELLIER

the lorre story

Peter Lorre first won fame in the German film M but his monster was a fiend. In most of his American movies Lorre has played droll crooks or nasty informers, unpleasant enough at times but hardly frightening. Brief moments in the British version and the American STRANGER ON THE THIRD FLOOR are almost the only exceptions. In THE FACE BEHIND THE MASK he seeks revenge because of a face scarred by fire (shades of MYSTERY OF THE WAX MUSEUM and HOUSE OF WAX!) but his motivation is understandable enough.

Just once did Lorre escape being mired in commonplace menace roles. This was in his first American film, MAD LOVE. This was a true shocker-and a flat failure. Karl Freund, who served as cameraman on THE LAST LAUGH, directed the picture and created some chilling sequences. The scene where the madman poses as a guillotine victime whose head has been sewed back onto his body is far more terrifying than a dozen glimpses of rubber-suited "Things" emerging from Black Lagoons or descending from Outer Space. Given similar roles Lorre might still triumph in real horror films. But the last time I saw him he was playing an overweight clown.

nitemares in negative

SO FAR WE'VE CONSIDERED what a horror film is not. It is not a picture where a character. supernatural or human, pursues a woman into the brush; even a Wolf Man is merely a "wolf" at heart. Nor is it a movie in which a wronged man turns on society in revenge, be it ever so gruesome. It is not a movie that stresses torture or sadism. Even tho the Christians are served up to the lions in (Continued on page 26) 13

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some still they have never seen befare. Just send yaur requests to DR. AX, 1426 E. Washingtan Lane, Philadelphia 38, Pa. That's all there is ta it, axually.





We canfess—you didn't ax for it! But you're getting it anyway! Can you guess who these 2 launey lovers are? (See last page at this dept. if you can't penetrate their disauses.)

AIP 1958). GRAY DANIELS of Las Angeles says, "I am o rould thrill me."



The Grim Reaper in human form: Frederic March as the mysterious Prince Sirki in DEATH TAKES A HOLIDAY (Peromount 1934) for PERDITA SEDEPI of Bakersfield, Colif.

For DRACULA fore PAUL KULIKOWSKI, STAN MOORE, JOHN RICHARDS, KAREN ACKERMAN Kor reletion to FA—Lucky girli, Dennis Berry, RRUCE BAISI, MAURICE FISCHER, CAROLE CHIKAN, STEVE FULLER, EDYTHE EYDE, JAMES DONOYAN, FREDDIE PELTIER & JAMIE OSBORNE, this unusual gog shot of BELA LUGOSI stellae in 1941 with Gale (the Spider Warman) Sondergoord.







For Robot Fons, the mechanical man (left) from Mexica's LA NAVE DE LOS MONSTRUOS (THE SHIP OF THE MONSTRES, 1931) meets the space man from JOHNNY YENDAMA AND THE BIG COMET (Swedish). Pictures requested by ANTONIO HELL, BERNA YASQUEZ, HANS SIDER & KARL-BUSTAY THE IRON CLAW, requested by JEAN TAYLOR & LILLA KAY, our enthusicatic girl fons from New YORK











the monster karleff made

"Those who like me as the Frankenstein monster," said Glenn Strange, "should credit the greatest man in show business," We were seated comfortably in the livingroom of his Southern California bungalow home. sipping soft drinks, when Mr. Strange made this startling statement. I paused for a moment, wondering who he could mean, for there are many contenders for this crown among motion picture personalities-producers, directors, actors, Walt Disney, Sammy Davis Jr., the late Cecil B. deMillewhich might be have reference to?

"Not Franken Steinstra!" I ventured. He laffed, in an anything but sinister way, and replied: "No: seriously-I mean

Boris Karloff"

Karloff, he went on to tell me, could not have been nicer to him when Glenn took over the role of the Monster, Karloff, who was still working on the Universal lot at the time voluntarily enent many hours after shooting time coaching Glenn on how to play the part . . . to shuffle awkwardly in the built-up boots, motion clumsily, pathetically, with the great hands with the scarred wrists, and, when need be, strike ferociously with the same fists.

choors for chancy ir.

"I've reason to be grateful to Lon. too." Glenn revealed, "During the filming of AB-BOTT & COSTELLO MEET FRANKEN. STEIN. I broke my ankle and for 2 weeks had to hobble around in those big shoes with the 4 inch soles," Painful as it was with a cast on, Glenn managed to knock down an iron gate as called for in the script. "But then," he said, "my pal Lon did me the great favor of getting into the Frank-





(?) mask of the Frankonstein mooster. Two manciors are too much for him as FJA (the near

mon's Vincent Price) meets Glenn & Priend.





Strange puts the "Zotz!" on Zucco in THE MAD MONSTER.

enstein make-up and, when you saw the scene on the screen, it was he who threw the girl thru!"

Glenn had an interesting story for us, too, about Lon Chaney Sr., as related by his son, but we're saving that for something very special we have in mind for FM fans later on.

highest role in

In 1945, playing the monster both times, Glenn was in the distinguished company of Lon Chaney (as the Wolf Man), John Carradine (as Dracula) and the late Lionel Atwill in HOUSE OF DRACULA and Boris Karloff, Chaney Jr., Carradine, J. Carrol Naish and the late Geo. Zucco in HOUSE OF PRANKENSTEIN. He played, again with the late Geo. Zucco, in THE MAD MONSTER and appeared as Atlas (bushily bearded and hairily bare-chested) in MASTER MINDS (1949).

But it was several years ago, in a personal appearance, that he really rose to his peak performance: he played a man in a black mask and clown suit for 10 days (12 noon to 12 midnite) atop a 150' radio mast!

He had the whole town (Hollywood) guessing his identity, which was a well-





Glenn begs to know "Who's on third?" but Lou Costello soys, "Listen, fellow, with those bolts in your neck you must have rocks in your head!"



Altho Glenn isn't in this particular scene, he played Atlas in the picture, which was MASTER MINDS. You also sow him in SINBAD THE SAILOR





Lucky Michael Glenn Nix, 26 mas, eld when his pic was taken with his "Franken'tine" granddaddy and FM's editor.



Giona Strange's hegyliful & talented young daughter with one of her woird oil paintings of a vampire woman. Besides liking to draw serie pictures Mrs. Nix esjoys reading supernotural & science fiction.



kept secret even from his own immediate family, "The station, KTLA, received 50,-000 letters!" he said. "From the clues given, about 80% of the participants in the contest guessed Karloff, 15% Chaney, People on the upper storeys of nearby apartment buildings tried to penetrate my disguise with opera glasses and telescopes; once a helicopter even buzzed me!"

the man who met a monster

I'll never forget the nite Strange was unmasked. I watched it all on TV. It was hilarious. It began in an office of the station



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where a clerk was told to climb up the tower and tell the Masked Mystery Man it was time to reveal his identity. Up the ladder he dutifully went, the camera following his hand-over-hand ascent clear to the top.

Suddenly, there was a commotion! The TV eve zoomed in for a closer look. The mask was off and The Clown At Midnite was revealed to be_THE FRANKEN. STEIN MONSTER!

Strange grabbed the messenger, who wrestled with him for his life. It was like a re-enactment of Colin Clive & Boris Karloff at the conclusion of the original FRANKENSTEIN, when Clive was thrown from the top of the mill. Seemingly (of course it was a dummy) the man himself was flung off the tower!

A few seconds later the messenger stumbled into the office. His hair was disheveled. his clothes torn, his face bruised; he was breathing heavily. "Gosh," he managed to gasp out, "that guy up there sure was Strange!"

Strange, yes, but no stranger to our pages, and Glenn will always be welcome back. END

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Because YOU axed far it, another characterization by everybody's great favorite, the late Belo Lugasi in WHITE ZOMBIE (30 years aga).



(Continued from page 13.)
QUO VADIS, this hardly makes it a "horror onic.

The mere use of supernatural devices is no guarantee in itself; THE INVISIBLE MAN was in some sequences as fumny as TOPPER. The modern "science-fiction movies which pack the drive-ins today are palpable spectacles in which miniature sets and the make-up department have the starring roles. "Mysteries" seldom shock us any



BELA LUGOSI os DRACULA. (And if we don't get thousands of indignant letters pointing out the errors in this caption, we'll knaw you readers are all osleep. OK—sa we know it's really LON CHANEY JR, os THE MUMMY!)

longer; hands may clutch and bodies fall from closels in the time-honored tradition of Paul Leni's THE CAT AND THE CANARY but the Cat was only a man, after all, and so was the Bat and the Gorilla and the various cinematic incarnations of Jerry Lewis, for that matter.

Stripped of their symbolism & sedistic sequences and supernatural or super-scientific skullduggery, most of the supposed "horror movies"—particularly the monster monstrosities being produced lately—just don't fill the double bill. The censors have hacked the heart out of fright flicks and the producers themselves have sold their col-



A Siamese Cyclops who gives the Three Stoeges double trouble in THE THREE STOOGES MEET HER-CHUES, a new Columbia Picture reloase.





lective imaginations for a mess of papiermache.

successful shockers

The few films left, which set out to terrify by any manner or method available, succeed because writer, producer, director and actors stick steadfastly to their sinister purpose. They know what fear & horror are and they play upon the human emotions with all the skill of a professional musician caressing the strings of a harp.

Scenes in horror movies made by these dedicated souls are usually brilliantly brought off. I do not speak now of the liberal spattering of tomato ketchup in a technicolor BLOOD OF DRACULA, I have in mind the faint trickle of blood under the door in a scene in THE CAT PEOPLE (directed by Val Lewton and starring Simone Simone) where the little girl is locked out of her house by her mother, who thinks that the big cat pursuing her daughter is only a child's fantasy. You don't see the cat, you



Ten years ago, LON CHANEY JR, met Boris Karloff in THE BLACK CASTLE.

The Foceless Mon and the Winged Horse, two of the many strange sights in the Italian remake of THE











The four-faced freek (statue) in the French fantesy THE TESTAMENT OF ORPHEUS (Jean Cocteau production).

don't see the girl. You're in the kitchen, listening to the terrified child pleading to be let in. Then the scream . . . and the borrible silence . . . and the blood.

frightmares,

There is horror in madness, and when Michael Redgrave, as the crazed ventriloquist, speaks in the dummy's voice in DEAD OF NIGHT, the audience knows the sheer shock of schizophrenia. The world of the pinheaded idiots, midgets and the armless-legless torso in FRBAKS was enough to inspire nightmares for a solid wear of Sunday.

The "It was all a diabolical plot" movie is almost as much of a cheat as the "It was all a dream" picture but we can forgive it, amidst our shudders, when we see the supposed corpee rising from the tub in DIA-BOLIQUE... and we feel relief in our screams as it thumbs out its eveballs.

Fantasy alone is no guarantee of grisliness, unless played as straight and as superbly as in the first sequence of the British film THREE CASES OF MURDER. The episode titled IN THE PICTURE is indeed the stuff bad dreams are made of. In

it, a visitor to an art gallery is carefully inspecting a landscape painting of an old deserted bouse when suddenly a light goes on in one of the windows of the house

moments of true

I both no brief for the monster movies and the science-science (ox called) films made today in which a skeleton dances over the estings of a theatre or the seats where the calling of a theatre or the seats where the proof, if any were needed, of the paucity of imagination of today's movie makers. Such films may entertain the kiddies and commandly they save a purpose for lating second or the companion of the companion of the companion of the dark—but they're not true horror pictures. For that matter, the horror of dope addiction in a MAN WITH THE GOLDEN (or the companion of the state of the companion of the companion of the companion of the state of the companion of the companion of the companion of the state of the companion of the companion of the companion of the state of the companion of the companion of the companion of the state of the companion of the c

The sophisticates will probably continue to sneer at all horror films, the censors will snip out the perils and we who cherish the creeps will continue to haunt the local cinema for shocks & shudders and the wholesome release of feats as old as all markind.

terror at 12 pm

Where our search will lead, I don't know. It may be that we'll discover the ultimate cinematic horror in a clown. Years ago, Lon Chanev said:

"A clown is funny in the circus ring, but what would be the normal reaction to opening a door at midnight and finding the same clown standing there in the moonlight?"

That, to me, is the essence of true horror

the clown, at midnight.



"Exatic, bizorre and fortastic in the best Teubnic style" was said at THE STRANGE CASE OF DR. RAMPER, German salence-herror stocker of the early 30s, Purther fates from this forgotten thriller, and the story of the picture, will be featured in a future issue.

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God-like, Dick Smith created Dorian Gray from the elements of the earth. But Dorian was too diabolical to live and in the end his maker had to destroy him.



Watch your step as—step by step—master makeup artist Smith creates a masterpiece of malevolency, the face of a man so evil that the acid of his vile nature corrodes his features from within.



It has been 17 years since MBM's masterful production of Dear Willie's classic new of the disintegration of Borian Gray, Horror fans of that and y1945) wondered if they had sent the ultimate when actor Hurd Hatfield was reduced in the end to a most pathyling mass of technicolored horror, aimset unreceptizable as something once human. But when Y I produce T bus of Size Mark saw if the review the story of Dorian Gray late last year, he may have been responsible for televising to the world a visage more terrifying at last than that of the legendary Planton of the Opera.



The Beginning of the End Product. As the base of the debosed Being to be built, a plaster skull. First operation: saw jow, re-attach in openmouthed positian, Enlorge right eye socket. Remove ploster teeth, replace with teeth & gums molded of dental wax.



At helf-8-helf mark with modeling clay. He has a nock & nose now—what next?



The skull of Berion Gray now almost completely covered with medalers' clay.



Alte! An aye (albeit bloodshet) to see with and two cars (aid) to beer with.



No, his acrosol shave crosm didn't amplado—that's flesh-like martician's wax.

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"Diseased growths" (wax) new added. Color is worked into these repulsive blobs.



Genze-based eyebrows & scraggly hair attached. "Growths" flamed for gloss.





Completed head attached to dummy, positioned as finally seen by aghast audience.



In Monster Movie History (the First being the Screen Heard Round the World with THE PHANTON OF THE OPERA was unmasked was the heartfying revelation of the Face Behind the Mask when Eay Warey broke the falls face of Lionel Aveill, Here is shelf Planacle of Horror Iran. the technication provided (Worner Bros. film, follow) by Softly Welbourne) with a class-up repect of Atwill's Foursons Face in the upper right-head corner.





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As for our new Mystery Still, is the mysterious for a few persons to be lets Jehn Berrymore? In THE MAD GENUS or maybe DR. JEKYL & MR. HYDE? The frightned heroles may provide a clus—do yes they our ecognits her as the star of UNRATURAL (the story of Alreune) or cen she be the mermeld movie actress from MIRAMDA?

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Photographer WALTER J. DAUGHERTY (and His Ricctric Brownie) have been caught by our editor and in future will take special fotos for FM. Dangherty's Dad once ereated a sensation on the New York stage in the role of DR. JEKYLL & MR. HYDE: Walt himself, in the past, has appeared in movies, published fanzines (among them The Rocket), and as an expert amateur Revotologist be in credited with the discovery of the famous mnmmy Im-ho-tip (son of Top).

Im-ho-TOP TEN

Your votes for the Best Horyor Morries of All Time are still pouring in. Among those who have enused the linearn to change since #16 are: AN-THONY ZITO (Long Island. NY): DAN LEVITT (LA); IOHN ERCUL (Pueblo, Colo.) JEFF BURNS, (Pompton Lakes, amateur writer, artist and pub-NI): FRANK TIETZE (Cheek-lisher of monster material is NY): IONATHAN now available to FM's readers. (Providence, Rhode

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in heart, And save his prayers by night.

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bright ' IS there such a plant? And where can I get some? -BOB MARCHS

Forry Ackerman says be half-suspects "wolfbane" have of all wolves?) is just something some imaginative early warewolfilm acreenserinter that up and (like Lovaeraft's Neeronomicon) it has into the hody of weird works. However, we would be hampy pass the information along to our readers if anyone with positive knowledge shout the existance of this "suparnatural" plant wishes to share it with us.

I have been a fan of GEO. ZUCCO for a long time but movies for a long time. still alive? - FRED ROBERT-

Mr. Zucco is no longer among the living. His obituery was published (pages 55 & 53) in our 13th issue.

Would you please put a write-up on WAR OF THE WORLDS in FM? It is my fa-

Then grah back issue #2 of aur companion magazine SPACEMEN before thay're all sone and it should be your favorita number because it featured inst such an article.

missile that was supposed to LOST CONTINENT (1951), starring Cassar Romere.

There were 2 films made about 20 years are called BE-FORE I HANG and THE MAN THEY COULD NOT HANG. both starring Boris Karloff Were they a continuation of nave heard the word WOLF. were they a continuation of BANE and it also occurs in the some sort or just a coincidence?

In THE MAN THEY COULD NOT HANG (Columbia 1939) Kauloff was Dr Savaard in ventor of a mechanical heart to restore life to the dead. Accused of murder, he was excontrol and then recognized now a mad killar. In BEFORE I HANG he (in 1940, amin for Columbia) was Dr John Garth. sacking a serum to combat old are Arein he is sentenced to die but this time life imprisonment is later substituted. Assis he some on a murder rampage. Pashane it will be a partial explanation to paint out that a

Karl Brown was involved in the

writing of both seriots

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The diaper (oops, dapper!) l wonder if you could iden- young chap pictured here is tify a movie I saw several years none other than the Famous ago on TV? It was about some Commander Byrdman, of whom men who were testing a guided Kent Clark asked, when first Introduced, "Who he?" Disstrike its target, it didn't, and guised as LARRY BYRD, mildthe men chased it to the top never-ending hattle for truth, of a "forhidden plateau". The justice and the Monstrous Way plateau was inhahited by pre- of Life! This New American historic monsters and dino Here has been narrowly chossaurs. — JAY CALLAHAN en as the new editor of The picture purnling you GRAVEYARD EXAMINER and sounds most likely like THE his first editorial is:

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